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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,544,009 to MAKINO et al., which issued on April 8, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0013343, which published on January 16, 2003 from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/164,637 to ABE et al., entitled "Compressor with Built-in Motor and Mobile Structure Using the Same," filed on June 10, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0002999, which published on January 12, 2003 from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/164,638 to SAKURABAYASHI et al., entitled "Compressor with Built-in Motor and Mobile Structure Using the Same," filed on June 10, 2002;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-151083, published on June 13, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-082352, published on March 26, 1999,

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together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-291557, published on October 17, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-020865, published on January 23, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-280552, published on October 10, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-070743, published on March 8, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-115686, published on April 19, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-174178, published on June 21, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-180984, published on June 26, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-188574, publishe on July 5, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-285981, published on October 5, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents.

Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate

spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/727,513 to OGAWA et al., entitled "Electric Compressor with Inverter," filed on December 5, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/727,668 to MAKINO et al., entitled "Liquid Recovery Method and System for Compression Mechanism," filed on December 5, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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